(c) whether Government propose to introduce FM Channel in this radio station in the interest of the local people;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) A full fledged Radio Station (10 KW FM Transmitter with Studio) at Dharmapuri is technically ready. Requisite staff for operation and maintenance of the Radio station, is yet to be approved by the competent authority.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The Station will start broadcast after the sanction of staff for operation & maintenance.

Lawyers with fake degrees

†404. SHRI MOTILALVORA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an ivestigation team of the Bar Council of India (Punjab and Haryana) identified 40 lawyers practicing on the basis of fake degrees and expressed the possibility of many persons holding the posts of judges etc.;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to identify and penalize all these fake degree holders; and

(c) by when this task would be accomplished?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) Yes Sir, the special committee/verification team of Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana submitted a report to the Bar Council of India about forty enrolment cases where persons had got enrolled on the basis of alleged fake degrees or had applied for enrolment with fake degrees.

(b) and (c) The Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana has decided to remove the names of such persons from their Rolls and the Bar Council of India has accepted the references made by the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana in that regard. FIRs for criminal offences have al60 been registered for submission of forged degrees.

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